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SUBJECT: GOS FISHING REGULATIONS: TONNAGE LIMITATIONS

REFS: A) QUITO 3650; B) GUAYAQUIL 490 (REPEATED AS QUITO 3282)

1. ANOTHER BYPRODUCT OF EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH GOE OFFICIALS AT GUAYAQUIL CATALOG SHOW IS CONFIRMATION OF RECENT REPORTS ON HOW GOE IS CONSIDERING IMPLEMENTATION OF TONNAGE LIMITATIONS ON TUNA SEINERS.

2. EPNA HEAD TAMARIZ AND FISHERIES INSTITUTE DIRECTOR MARIO COBO, BOTH CONFIRM REPORT CONTAINED REF B THAT THE REGULATIONS, WHICH MUST BE FORMALLY ISSUED AS A PRESIDENTIAL DECREE, WILL NOT CONTAIN ANY SPECIFIC LIMITATION. RATHER, THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH AN AMPLIFYING RESOLUTION, ISSUED BY THE INTER-MINISTERIAL FISHERIES COUNCIL UNDER ITS OWN AUTHORITY. THEY POINTED OUT, AS DID EARLIER SOURCES, THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO REPEAL OR MODIFY THE BAN.

3. EVERY INFORMED GOE OFFICIAL WE HAVE SPOKEN TO GIVES THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS LIMITATION, CONFIDENTIAL

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IF ENACTED, WOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN

THE US AND ECUADOREAN TUNA INDUSTRIES BY EXCLUDING THE LARGER US PURSE SEINERS UNLESS THEY ARE COVERED BY SOME SORT OF DEAL WITH THE ECUADOREANS.

4. WE NOTE THAT ISSUANCE OF THE REGULATIONS, IN COMMON WITH EARLIER FISHERIES LEGISLATION, HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY DELAYED. THIS SUGGESTS THE EXISTENCE OF STILL UNRESOLVED INTERNAL PROBLEMS SOME OF WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PROVOKED BY OUR REPEATED DEMARCHES HERE AND IN WASHINGTON. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE SEPARATE TONNAGE RESOLUTION MAY NOT BE ISSUED, THUS PROVIDING A GRACEFUL WAY OF ACCEDING TO OUR REPRESENTATIONS WITHOUT SEEMING TO DO SO. IN ANY CASE, WE DO NOT THINK THERE IS ANYTHING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS AT THIS TIME.
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